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## Three Seniors Tapped Into Totomoi



Totomoi members, left to right, Earthman, Frost, Baker, Ownbey, Fentress.

by Peter Oldham

Three outstanding seniors joined MBA's honor fraternity, Totomoi, achieving the highest honor possible at MBA. The ceremony was conducted by members Brock Baker and Rick Ownbey who were tapped as Juniors.

Sam Fentress, editor-in-chief of the *Bell*, was tapped for his achievements in organizations, publications, scholastics, and student government.

Howard Frost, copy and circulation editor of the *Bell Ringer*, was admitted to the fraternity on the basis of his work in organizations, publications, dramatics, and scholastics.

Webb Earthman, editor of the *Bell Ringer*, was chosen for his leadership in organizations, pub-

lications, forensics, citizenship, and athletics.

In the fall tapping only seniors are eligible for membership. Both Juniors and seniors along with alumni, faculty, and friends of the school can be admitted in the spring tapping. Boys must excel in three of five categories: scholarship; athletics; student government; organizations; forensics, and dramatics; and pub-

lications and citizenship.

Totomoi was founded in 1954 by headmaster Dr. R. L. Sager, and 1953 alumni, Inman Fox and Robert McNeilly.

The name, derived from the name of Virginian Indian Chief Totopotomoi, was carved on the stone columns at the school's Harding Road exit by Garland Tinsley, owner of the site of the campus until 1915.

## Have You Ever Tried Landing A Summer Job

by Peter Oldham

Are you tired of loafing all summer? Are your parents always after you to get a job? Several businesses in town need young help in the summer and a few of the jobs are described here.

One of the most popular summer jobs is construction work, available to boys aged sixteen and older.

Some benefits of this type of work are great pay, usually starting at \$2.25 an hour; no work on rainy days if you work for an outside crew; and an opportunity for some muscle development and a nice sun tan.

Some disadvantages are outside work in the hot sun, exhaustion after an eight-hour work day, and responsibility of doing all of the dirty work for the regular crew.

Summer construction workers can net close to \$1500 in the three short summer months.

Another popular job is that of the restaurant bus-boy, open usually to anyone fourteen or

older. Both the pay and the work are relatively meager. You can earn anywhere from \$1.45 to \$1.70 an hour and not have to work but five or six hours a day.

Two disadvantages are the work has no variety and the job is hard to get back the following summer; it is usually a one-summer job.

Car buffs can easily find employment at a service station. Usually only sixteen-year-olds and those older are considered for employment. Pay is meager and the work is tiring, but the experience and training are invaluable.

Around the second week in August, Opryland, U.S.A., needs sixteen and seventeen year-olds. College employees begin leaving then and younger people are needed desperately.

Most of the work is outside but shaded, and the variation in each job adds to its enjoyment. Pay starts at \$1.70 and goes to \$2.50.

About the only disadvantages concerned are the long drive out to Opryland and the short recess times allowed during the day.

## Carter Has Operation

What fateful occurrence nearly destroyed Mr. Carter's Achilles tendon and necessitated his recent operation? In an exclusive interview with the *Bell Ringer*, Carter revealed all:

"It all began three years ago during a faculty softball game at Squire Friar's home. I refused to allow others to run for me, as my coach Carey Carter suggested; and upon rounding second base after my third or fourth home run, I felt my tendon give way. In that instant my entire athletic future flashed and died before my eyes. Yes, then I realized that I would not be Johnny Unitas' replacement.

"Ever since then, Dr. Brant

("Pinky") Lipscomb patiently treated the injury but found that an operation was necessary to secure complete mobility. So I decided to go to the hospital and take a vacation in a Holiday Inn type hospital room.

"Dr. John Jones, assisted by Dr. John Brothers did a fantastic job in the operation. Having only a local anesthetic, I enjoyed watching the operation thoroughly—Mrs. Carter was sorry that I didn't suffer more.

"I deeply appreciate the food and get well cards from the students and other friends, and I enjoyed reading David Haller's *The Best and the Brightest*, a present from the faculty."



Carter addresses student body from crutches.

## Ivey, Crabtree Join Faculty

by Dan Earthman

At the beginning of the second semester, MBA received two new teachers, Mr. Bruce Crabtree and Mr. Bob Ivey. After graduating from MBA in 1969 as a Merit Semi-Finalist and top student, Mr. Crabtree went to Washington University in St. Louis where he majored in English, and he now teaches Algebra I and seventh grade math. Mr. Ivey, replacing Mr. Sandy Haury, attended Vanderbilt University where he majored in history and also played football for two years under Bill Pace. Mr. Ivey teaches Word Wealth and seventh grade American history. The following is excerpted from interviews with our two new pedagogues.

**Bell Ringer:** Is it hard to start teaching in the middle of the year?

Mr. Crabtree: I was at a disadvantage in that the students had time to organize against me, and I have not had time to organize against them. However, since I was a student here, I know what the objectives of the school are, and this makes it easier to adjust.

**BR:** Do you see things differently as a teacher than as a student?

Mr. Crabtree: I am able to see the rationality of the teachers more. I find that with rare exception, the teachers don't like giving demerits as much as students hate getting them. When I was a student, I thought of the teachers as individuals. I remember thinking that a certain teacher hated a certain boy. But

now, I realize that teachers function as a group, not as individuals.

Do you think that the school has changed since you were here?

For better or worse, the attitudes of the school have not changed. The administration's control over the school's policies also has not changed. Also, there is still paranoia on both teacher's and student's side that each are out to get each other.

What are your feelings on the SC Resolutions?

I think that the Student Council Resolutions were put out with the best of intents. However, I think the way in which they were presented aggravated Mr. Carter.

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Jacobson and Wampler play Devil and God in J.B.

## MBA Players Stage JB

by Chris Armour

"J.B.", the first major production of the year by the MBA Players, met with both financial and aesthetic success.

Good audiences were present each of the three nights, March 8-10, with the Drama Club netting over \$300.

Artistically, the play was perhaps the most ambitious undertaking MBA has ever presented. The verse play by Archibald MacLeish, based on the biblical story of Job, was the 1959 winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. The Broadway production of the two-act drama was under the direction of Elia Kazan and starred Raymond Massey and Christopher Plummer.

The four stars of the MBA production—John Wampler, Peter Jacobson, David Wells and Lisa Burrus—performed admirably, each being on stage for almost all the play. The director, Mr. James Peston, had his work cut out for him, co-ordinating the full-length sound track that accompanied the play, and directing the very large cast.

The production upheld the Drama Club's tradition of presenting top-quality plays.



David Wells and Lisa Burrus portray intense scene in J.B.



## A Student's View of MBA

The following list of good aspects of the school was presented by a student to the headmaster who then presented it to the Bell Ringer for publication. It has been found that the student, though wishing to remain anonymous, is a member of the Student Council. This list seems to indicate that the Student Council Resolutions do not have the unanimity that the Council claims. The list appears below exactly as the Bell Ringer received it.

1. Present curriculum good; well-taught
2. Good teachers; good pupil-teacher relationship
3. Athletic program best around

4. Mode of discipline satisfies all areas
5. Organization of school matters handled very well
6. Student body on approximate equal level
7. The name MBA honorable and upstanding
8. 95% of student body is happy with the school
9. Ample opportunity for college and future
10. Headmaster the most dedicated of any
11. Gives student's a chance to voice opinions
12. School supports student and stands behind him.

## Preview of Spring Sports

MBA's 1973 baseball, track, tennis, and golf teams should produce some of the year's most exciting moments. The outlook is rosy for all the squads.

Starters Garnett Reid and Robert Harris return from a state champion baseball team to head this year's diamond efforts. Harris and Dan Hartmann will handle the bulk of the pitching, with first baseman Reid and Frank Garrison supplying most of the bat work. The overall team hitting appears to be the main question mark as Coach Tillman's team will be out to defend N.I.L., Regional, and State Championships.

The MBA tennis squad will be gunning for yet another N.I.L. title as several key men will be back. The netters have failed to win the N.I.L. only twice in the past thirty years.

Senior Steve Summers, junior Charlie Benneworth, and sophomores Joe Davis, Gil Templeton, and Johnny Howell make this year's prospects promising. Coach Gilbert Edson's crew will no doubt be in the thick of the N.I.L.

## Ivey, Crabtree (continued)

Printing the resolutions in the paper before everyone had seen them was like sticking a sword in someone's side and twisting it. This is what aggravated the administration before things hardly got started.

**Bell Ringer:** How does MBA compare with the other schools in which you have taught in respect to discipline and academics?

**Mr. Ivey:** I taught in Atlanta in their public school system. In this school, there was no discipline to speak of. I feel that a teacher must have some leverage over students. At MBA, the demerit system is good because it gives the teacher leverage while not being very harsh to the student.

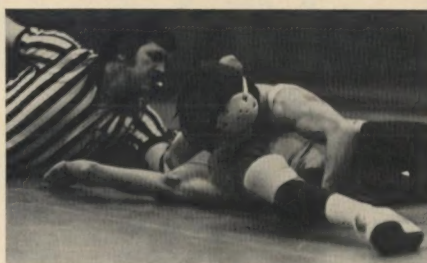
**Why did you decide to go into the teaching profession?**

**Mr. Ivey:** I think that the com-

bination of teaching and coaching at MBA is like a dream come true. When I first came out of college, I was gung-ho about everything. But since then, my perspective toward life has changed. In my earlier work at Volunteer Structures, I did not feel that I was contributing. Teaching and coaching is the perfect answer to my situation.

**What is your opinion of the SC Resolutions?**

I don't think that I am worthy of an opinion. I have only been here six weeks; other teachers have been here twenty years. In regard to the hair and dress code, I feel that the length of a person's hair or the clothes he wears do not affect him academically or athletically. However, since every MBA boy is a representative of the school, I can see the reasons for the hair and dress code.



MBA grappler pins Ryan opponent.

## Cohn Wins State; Wrestlers End Strong

**Howard Frost**

The varsity wrestling team wound up a successful season with good showings at the District, Regional and State Tournaments held in February. The Big Red qualified only seven wrestlers for the Region while placing third in the District, but made up for their performance at the Region by qualifying five of those

seven for the State Tournament.

In the State, MBA's Thany Mann finished in 4th place, Captain Brock Baker won 3rd place honors, and Co-Captain Mike Cohen topped all others by placing first in the lightest weight class. Overall, the team placed eighth in the tournament, a very respectable showing compared with the finishes in previ-

## Varsity Basketball Ends Season at District Semis

**Paul DeWitt**

Just as in football, the 1972-73 MBA basketball season had to end all too soon. Two victories over Cohn in the final three games were too little, too late for a team that won only four and lost twenty-one overall, but the wins did end the season on an optimistic note.

The season was far from a lost cause, however. The youthful team, comprised of short and inexperienced players, prompted John Bennett to say that he enjoyed coaching this team as much as any group he has ever had.

The willingness to learn, enthusiasm, and hustle instilled by Coach Bennett resulted in great

improvement over the course of the year, to the extent that coach Albert Mitchell of Cohn said Bennett should be N.I.L. Coach of the Year after a thrilling 55-53 Big Red victory over Cohn. That comeback win in the first round of the District Tournament was a capsule of the season itself, summarizing the turnaround from ineptitude to a degree of respectability.

After losing the first ten games of the year, most of them by big margins, the Big Red upset Ryan 50-49. Previously Ryan had defeated MBA by 44 points. The team's improvement was evident when they next beat CMA 76-57, and lost to Hillsboro by only 13 after being slaughtered 93-22 early in the year.

Another losing streak followed the CMA game, but it was halted in the last regular season contest by a victory over Cohn. Next came the tournament win against Cohn in which MBA erased a 9-point deficit in the fourth quarter and went on to win in overtime. Although the outmanned Big Red was thumped by Pearl 61-39 in the semifinals of the District, the season ended on a positive note.



Garrison and Jones rebound.



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ous years.

The wrestling team compiled a composite 8-2 record in dual matches in addition to winning the championship of the Overton Invitational Tournament. The tournament victory was the first one to be recorded in MBA wrestling history. By gaining victories over Maplewood, McGavock and Hillwood, the team ended the season with second place in the N.I.L., trailing only Ryan.

The team's performance this year was marked by several outstanding individual performances. Bill Branch broke the school record for highest net match score by beating an opponent 25-2. In his first varsity year, Todd Baker's fourth place finish in the Region enabled him to continue to the State. Michael Cohen, the first MBA wrestler with a perfect record (26-0), was also the first MBA grappler to win a state championship. Michael was selected by the "Nashville Tennessean" as the N.I.L.'s Most Valuable Wrestler, another first for the Big Red wrestling program.

Next year Coach Jim Jefferson's men, under the leadership of Captains Todd Baker and Marc Stengel, should have an equally good record, as seven of this year's lettermen are returning. MBA's team will certainly make a valuable contribution to Nashville's fastest growing sport.

## SPORTS CAPSULES

**All-District Forward  
Greg McNair Leads Team**

Senior Greg McNair was the captain and leader of the team. After suffering a leg injury early in the year, McNair came back to lead the team in scoring. Greg capped the year by being named to the All-District team as a forward. Anyone who watched him over the year could tell that long hours of practice for twelve months of the year had paid off for Greg.

**Rifle Team**

MBA's Rifle Team closed out a fine season this year by winning four out of five matches, while taking all high individual honors. Tom Cummings won the prone match while Captain Bill Van Cleave took the sitting, kneeling, standing, and championship awards. As a team, MBA won the prone, sitting, standing, and championship matches.

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